

Watching You

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❶ Details of the government's secret telephone and Internet surveillance programs

- a** were announced by President Obama in May.
- b** were leaked by a former N.S.A. contractor.
- c** emerged during Supreme Court testimony.
- d** have been denied by Congress.

❷ What has led to increased surveillance in the U.S. in recent years?

- a** security concerns after the 9/11 attacks
- b** improvements in technology
- c** both a & b
- d** neither a nor b

❸ The Obama administration has been sued by _____ for conducting telephone surveillance.

- a** a suspected Al Qaeda operative
- b** both Google and Microsoft
- c** a suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings
- d** the American Civil Liberties Union

❹ The N.S.A.'s Prism program includes

- a** monitoring foreigners' Internet activity overseas.
- b** collecting logs of domestic telephone calls.
- c** the use of body scanners at airports.
- d** stepped-up interrogations at border crossings.

❺ The idea that Americans have a right to privacy is rooted in the Constitution's

- a** Preamble.
- b** First Amendment.
- c** Fourth Amendment.
- d** Fifth Amendment.

❻ The prohibition against "unreasonable searches and seizures" means, for example, that

- a** owners of stores and other buildings cannot install video surveillance cameras.
- b** police need a warrant to search someone's home.
- c** airports cannot conduct body scans.
- d** all of the above

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

❶ In your view, do the benefits of surveillance outweigh privacy concerns?

❷ According to President Obama, what role have the legislative and judicial branches played in the federal government's surveillance programs?

❸ How do you think the Boston Marathon bombing investigation affected Americans' views on surveillance? Why?